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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC PRESS COVERAGE OF LOS

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1. ICELANDIC PRESS APRIL 22-23 HAD ARTICLES BASED
ON INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR ANDERSEN WHO SAID THAT
MAIN ROLE OF GOI DELEGATION IS TO INSURE THAT
SO-CALLED QTE ICELANDIC PROVISION UNQTE IS NOT DROPPED
FROM LOST TEXT. THIS PROVISION, HE EXPLAINED, HELD THAT
COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT HAVE COASTAL AREAS OF THEIR
OWN WOULD NOT GAIN ACCESS TO ECONOMIC JURISDICTION
OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHOSE OWN ECONOMIES ARE BASED ON
FISHERIES. ANDERSEN NOTED THAT NORWAY IS NOW SEEKING
TO CHANGE THIS PROVISION SO THAT NOT ONLY COUNTRIES BUT
AREAS OF COUNTRIES THAT ARE FISHERIES-DEPENDENT (SUCH AS
NORTHERN NORWAY) WOULD ALSO BE PROTECTED.

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ACCORDING TO REPORTS, COASTAL STATES HAVE REACTED
POSITIVELY TO PROPOSAL BUT IT MAY HAVE TO BE DROPPED
IF WORDING CANNOT BE AGREED UPON. ANDERSEN NOTED
IN ARTICLES THAT CONFERENCE BEGAN SLOWLY BUT
NOW THAT MEETINGS ARE TAKING PLACE IN ALL
COMMITTEES, COURSE OF CONFERENCE WILL BECOME
CLEARER SOON.

2. THERE HAS OTHERWISE BEEN RELATIVELY LITTLE
PRESS COVERAGE OF SEVENTH SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE.
IN APRIL 6 ARTICLE, PROFESSOR GUNNAR SCHRAM, MEMBER OF
ICELANDIC DELEGATION, GAVE BACKGROUND ACCOUNT OF
LOS, STATUS OF VARIOUS ISSUES, AND PRINCIPAL MATTERS THAT
CONFERENCE WOULD BE DEALING WITH:
EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES OUTSIDE 200-MILE
LIMITS, RIGHTS OF ONE COUNTRY WITHIN ANOTHER'S ECONOMIC
ZONE, LIMITATIONS OF CONTINENTAL SHELF, FREEDOM
OF NAVIGATION, POLLUTION OF SEAS, AND FREEDOM OF
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. APRIL 9 ARTICLE BY EDITOR OF
TIMINN ALSO DISCUSSED STATUS OF LOS CONFERENCE
EMPHASIZING NEED TO GUARD ICELANDIC INTERESTS AT
GENEVA. ONLY OTHER PRESS COVERAGE WAS REPRINTING OF
TEXT OF MFA RELEASE ON ANDERSEN'S REMARKS AT OPENING
OF CONFERENCE.
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